If I were a carpenter and you were an MP

Rob Desjardins
Staff Writer

MP and bride-to-be Deborah Grey says she's "pretty excited" about her upcoming wedding.

"It's sure a hectic time for us right now," says Grey, who's making final arrangements for her marriage to Lewis Larson, an Edmonton carpenter, on Aug. 7. She says she set the daunting deadline because "we're pretty old-fashioned – we don't believe in living together. And we wanted to be married before the election."

Grey and Larson share some handy interests – such as household repairs. They plan to move into Grey's house near Laurier Lake, which she has worked on herself.

"(Lewis) says it's wonderful to have a wife with her own tools," she laughs. "He's been very gracious about my work."

As for her *other* work – life in Ottawa's House of Commons – Grey says Larson is "amazing. He offers incredible support." He's an active Reform Party member, and should be "an important member of my campaign team."

The campaigning will have to wait, though. After the wedding, which takes place in Dewberry, the couple plans to spend a few weeks on a honeymoon campout.

Then, Grey says, it's back to the election trail – quickly, if her predictions prove right.

"I expect that on Labor Day, Campbell will call an election for October 18."

MP Deborah Grey with fiance Lewis Larson.

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Farm safety Week July 25 - 31

AIRBORNE BALLET -- These athletic performers did some breathtaking ballet during the Circus Pages last week at the A.G. Ross Arena -- from high in the air! The circus, which drew nearly 150 guests, offered a variety of thrilling and chilling spectacles -- from fire juggling to tightrope walking, equestrian events and performing clowns.

Tax man cometh

There'll be a mixture of good news and bad for county residents this Friday when County of St. Paul notices go in the mail. A new general assessment undertaken last year, has resulted in some significant changes to some tax bills.

Hardest hit will be those residents with one quarter of land. In many cases, taxes on a quarter of land have skyrocketed, mainly because farm residences are no longer completely tax exempt.

Under the Rural Assessment Policy (RAP), which the county has adopted, an exemption or reduction in assessment for a residence is based on the amount of agricultural valued land assessment in the owner's unit. Maximum exemption for a residence is $40,000. It takes about three or four quarters of land to realize an exemption on an average quality 1,200 square-foot home.

Just how the majority of county residents will respond to the RAP remains to be seen.

Reeve Robert Bouchard maintains that RAP makes for a fairer and more equitable tax system in the county as compared to the old method of assessing taxes.

"This is built around the concept of getting a fairer system. Maybe this one isn't perfect but the other one was flawed also."

But at least two county residents believe the RAP is anything but fair.

Ken Cooknell, who farms two and a half quarters of land west of St. Paul, says his taxes have increased by close to $1,300 as a result of the new assessment. His total tax bill will be in the neighborhood of :2,000, something which doesn't sit well with him.

The farm residence is the reason for the massive increase in assessment. It's a larger home and it's heated with hot water - that feature alone is assessed at $10,000.

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Heritage Day at the Forts

Fort George - Buckingham House Interpretive Centre is getting set to observe the Heritage Day weekend, with a variety of activities planned.

Two families whose ancestors were part of the forts two hundred years ago are holding a family reunion this weekend. The Spence and Flett descendants will enjoy a variety of activities, including a multi - denominational worship service on Sunday, August 1 at 11 a.m. with Rev. V. Wishart.

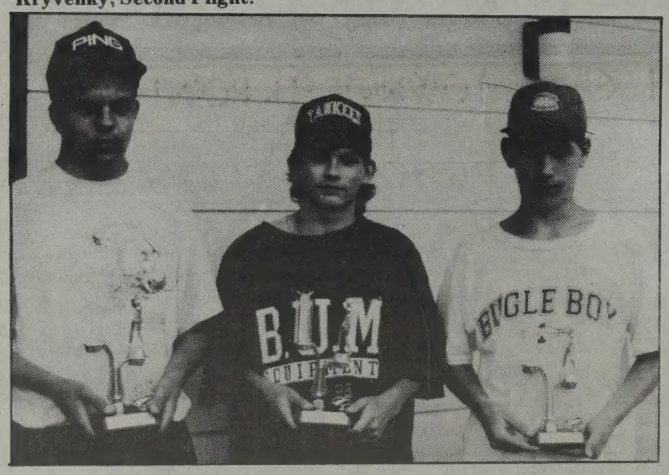
Music, fun and games will also be on the agenda. Saturday will feature the Frank Stockell Band from 1 to 4 p.m., with games and challenges throughout the day, while on Sunday, the Homer Poitras Band will be playing from 2 to 3 p.m. Games and challenges will go throughout the afternoon, with the Great Buffalo Chip Flip scheduled for 3 to 4 p.m.

Join us at the Forts this weekend, and help to celebrate our fur trade heritage.

Golfers delayed by downpour

LADIES' WINNER - Dan Povaschuk was happy to present the trophy to HIS favorite lady golfer, Evelyn Babcock.

SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPS - Trophies went to (left to right) Homer Poitras, Championship Flight, Jerry Blacklock, First Flight, and Ed Kryvenky, Second Flight.



JUNIOR CHAMPS - Taking home the Junior trophies were (left to right) Mark Woytkiw, Championship Flight, Lee Kadutski, First Flight, and Shawn Moroziuk, Second Flight.

Sunday's Senior Men's, Ladies' and Junior Golf Tournament took a two hour coffee break midway through the first nine, when the threatening clouds opened in a deluge. By early afternoon, however, everyone was back on the course to complete the tourney.

Seniors

Homer Poitras topped the Championship flight with a 71 stroke total made up of a six-over-par and a one-over-par round, a full ten strokes better than his nearest competitor, John Mudryk. Jerry Blacklock led the Seniors First Flight, with Roger McMillan second, while Ed Kryvenky won the Seniors Second Flight, with Ted Furigay in second place.

Fourteen Senior golfers took part.

Ladies

Only five ladies braved the rain to take part in the tournament. Evelyn Babcock and Bea Campbell tied at 101 after 18 holes and had to play a 19th hole to break the tie for the trophy. Mrs. Babcock was the eventual winner.

Juniors

Mark Woytkiw shot a 5-over-par first round and a right-on-par second round to win Junior Championship Flight, one stroke ahead of Robin Moroziuk. Conway Roscoe placed third.

Lee Kadutski took a 12 stroke win over his brother Jon in the Junior First Flight, with Justin Conrad third and James Yake fourth.

Shawn Moroziuk won the Junior Second Flight by a single stroke over Aaron Grosseth, with Jonathan Yake third.

Thanks to the generosity of numerous door prize donors, all ladies and juniors and most of the men took home a momento of the day. Helen Marceniuk, Capitol Drugs, Stedmans, Millie's Flowers, JMB Crushing, Pine Ridge Oilfield Services, Elk Point Review and the Golf and Country Club are offered thanks for their contributions. The kitchen staff was offered a round of applause for their fine meal.

Two hard working members of the Golf Club also deserve recognition: Evelyn Babcock, who helped with many facets of organizing the tournament and who received warm applause for her efforts, and Dan Povaschuk, who, we are told, has run both this tournament and the Men's Open with very little help. Povaschuk was also instrumental in keeping spirits boosted and the golfers entertained through the unscheduled break in Sunday's tournament, and is much appreciated for his hard work and good humor.

CORRECTION

Heritage Days at the Forts

August 1 -- Multi-Denominational Church Service, Rev. V. Wishart officiating.

Farm safety no accident

This week, July 25 to 31, is National Farm Safety Week. It is the perfect opportunity for area farmers to sit back and take a bird's-eye view of their operations, pinpoint potentially dangerous areas, and correct them.

Many farmers are all too aware of the hazards that present themselves on a daily basis in a farm's operation. But accidents happen in a matter of seconds and their impact can last a lifetime.

"It's not a lack of knowledge. People know these things but they forget. Farm Safety Week is a way to re mind them," says Solomon Kyeremanteng, manager of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development's Farm Safety Program.

With this in mind, and with the help of several local resource people and businesses, the *Journal* presents this Farm Safety Week special edition.

Farm safety is no accident.

Early Deadline

Due to the August 2 Heritage Day holiday, the deadline for news and advertising submissions for the August 3 issue of the Elk Point Review is noon, Thursday, July 29, 1993.

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ELK POINT & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FAIR

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Source: Recreation Update.

SUMMER PLAY: Multiculturalism was the theme for last week. We made Indian headdresses, totem poles and paintings. We took a trip to Fort George / Buckingham House Interpretive Centre as well. This trip was greatly enjoyed by all the children. Thank you to all those at the centre for their time and patience, it is greatly appreciated. The children also brought in items that come from different countries. Next week is career week. We will be visiting the bakery and hopefully a few other places. If you would like to come and join us, we will be assigning the fees according to the number of weeks left in the program. Call Tracy at 724-3800 to register or for more information.

LAC LA BICHE TRIATHLON: Once again the Lac La Biche Heritage Day's Committee will be hosting their annual Triathlon. The event has six different categories to enter: Men's open, Women's open, Junior's open, mixed team, and Women's team. The fee is $10.00 per person or $20.00 per team. The route will be in and around the town of Lac La Biche. The event will be held on Saturday, July 31, at 8:00 a.m. For more information contact Marcy at 623-4255.

TIDBITS

We make a living by what we get. We make a **life** by what we**give.** Only those who have nothing in them have nothing to give.

- Winston Churchill

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that they are difficult.

- Seneca

When a man realizes his littleness, his greatness can appear.

- H.G. Wells

Letter

Volunteers need support

Dear Editor:

I think it's time we all took a long, hard look at the structure of our community and the big picture of what makes it tick. The basis of any small community, and somewhat of the larger communities, is the volunteer. The one that puts all his or her spare time into making things happen without being paid, whether it's the Lions' Club, the Elks Club, the minor sports clubs, the dance club or the Agricultural Society. The volunteer in Elk Point is very, very important, and without them, this would be a very quiet, sad place to live. If you want to change things and have an effect on decisions made, the place to be is on the executive, not behind a pen, voicing your opinion to an unknowing public. The same people that criticize the Ag. Society are the ones, that in 1992, had walked out of an annual meeting when elections of officers were announced.

Eight years ago, the arena looked very much different than it does today. There was no plexiglass and the boards were like elastic bands. The roof leaked, the concessions were small. Changes were made to improve the facility until it is as you see it today. Also to satisfy the needs of the agricultural community and the rural membership of the Society, the fairgrounds were built. These facilities are used extensively, and with the addition of events throughout the year such as the Trade Fair, Rodeo, Canada Day Dance, Horse Show, Auto Show and more, it makes Elk Point an active little town, thanks to everyone who puts in their volunteer time to make these events happen.

Grants? The Ag. Society does not receive the grants that many less active Ag. Societies receive. The grants received have been less than promised. Minor Hockey Bingo money? This was set up originally to help pay for the proposed arena expansion, just ask Dave Kenyon and Reo VanMaarion who originally applied for the licence. Tennis Court money from the Town? This was sitting in town coffers for a while. I believe they asked the Ag. Society to build the tennis courts, as they didn't have the rest of the money it would take to complete the project. I could go on and on to explain all the points directed against the Ag. Society in the previous paper, however, it would take too much space.

I will say this, larger centers would love to have our volunteers, they have said so. Without the volunteers and activities they provide, would anyone want to live here? Would house prices remain at their current level? Would we have the tax base we have? Would we have the business in the industrial section we currently have? The volunteers in my opinion, is far more important and deserves far more respect and support than we give them.

Shirley Harms

Letter

Reunion

Dear Vicki Brooker:

One of the greatest moments of this year for me, was the *Elk Point High School Reunion,* held July long weekend. It was sure nice to see all the faces that most of us haven't seen for at least thirty years.

My biggest disappointment was that the local 'students of the past' did not come out and show their support for such a nice event.

A special thanks to Deanna and Carolyn, and of course, their husbands Gordon and Tom, for all the time and hard work they put into this successful event.

Ken Buksa,
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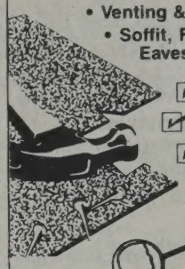

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WHEREAS, Section 247 of the Municipal Government Act being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980 with amendments thereto confers the power, and

WHEREAS, in the interests of the citizens of the Town of Elk Point that is on their behalf a Civic Holiday should be declared.

THEREFORE, the Municipal Council for the Town of Elk Point, do hereby declare Monday, August 2, 1993 a Civic Holiday for and in the Town of Elk Point.

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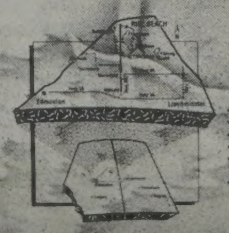

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Editorial

'Ole Miss' on the rampage

The news has been full of the events in the United States, along the Mississippi river, where extensive flooding is causing havoc. An old song, played on an old phonograph, recorded on an old 78 disc, comes to mind; do you remember?

"Another great disaster has come upon our land,
"Down where the Mississippi flows on it's way so grand;
"The springtime flowers were blooming, the birds sang bright and gay,
"And the mighty Mississippi went flowing on its way."

I was pretty young, then, when that record came to our house. The flood it referred to occurred in the summer of 1927, along the Mississippi River, the southernmost part of the giant Missouri / Mississippi Rivers chain, which runs from the Canadian / U.S. border, southerly to the Gulf of Mexico, some 3,740 miles, third longest system in the world.

"But then the skies grew cloudy, and rain came falling down,
"For days a mighty torrent came pouring to the ground,
"And folks along the levee watched by night and day,
"As still the raging river went roaring on it's way!"

To contain the river, whether in flood or high run-off in spring, the people living along the Mississippi River have built 'levees', sort of like the 'burms' in cities, used to contain noise levels. Only the levees are long and strong; some were made of sand bags, stacked to rebuff the surging water, and later, much sturdier, probably of concrete and stone.

Some 1,600 miles of levees attempt to control the Mississippi, in its lower reaches, with 41 dams on it's upper waters. This giant waterway is 3,500 ft. wide, near St. Louis, (5,280 ft. equals a mile) but had spread to as much as 80 miles wide during this disastrous flood of 1927.

Large ocean-going ships traverse its waters as far north as Baton Rouge, Louisiana; other boats, of many kinds, ply this squiggly water boundry between numerous States, all the way to the Canadian border, where it receives a small addition to its majestic flow from our own Milk River. (By the way, that's probably why it's called that - it looks like milk).

"Still the angry water kept pounding at the shore
"Until it broke the levee, and through the country tore."

There seemed to be no stopping it, as we see today on our TV screens; even with 66 years of prevention, man's efforts were not enough to contain the muddy torrents, demanding room to spread over the land. No helicopters, in 1927, I think, to rescue the isolated or stranded.

"Oh, many lives were taken, and brave men knelt to pray
"As all that they had cherished was madly swept away...."

(There may be a couple of lines here I've forgotten...)

My history book hints that the massive Mississippi was probably first seen by European explorers (De Soto) in 1541, and was claimed by France after explorer La Salle floated down it's turbulent reaches to the Gulf of Mexico in 1682. France released it's claim, ceding it's torrents to Spain in 1763, but acquired it back again in 1800.

Sounds like they traded that long drink of water around like kids used to trade slingshots, with France trading it off to the United States, along with other odds and ends (like a few States worth of land) in a deal called the**Louisianna Purchase** in 1803. The US has handily retained ownership of it since then.

And now that mighty Mississippi has gone on the rampage again, and there have been loss of life, property, even drinking water; not a good way to spend the summer.

The song continues, in rather maudlin fashion:

"We can't explain the reason these great disasters come,
"But we must all remember to say "Thy will be done",
"For though the good may suffer, for other people's sins,
"There is a land awaiting, where eternal life begins!"

I have no idea who wrote or sang that song. It was just there, part of my childhood, and like most things learned in my childhood, I can recall it well - give or take a few words - quite unlike the words I hear today, which flit in one ear and out the other.

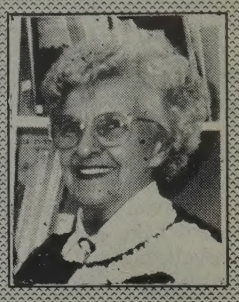
The other side of that record carried the doleful tale, in song, of the "Wreck of the Number 9", and I can recall all the words of that sad serenade too. We also had a record with "Casey Jones" on one side and "The Wreck of the 97" on the other, both very sad tales, which we kids played over and over, and quite enjoyed.

I have relatives who live in Mississippi, right along that turbulent river. I have a photo of the alligators that dwell in its muddy waters. I am told they can be watched crawling or swimming about, from their kitchen window, and that they once found a 'small' one (six feet or so, long) in the garage, where it had gone for a snooze.

My wonder asks where those alligators (he calls them 'gators) get to, when the water rises, and the whole countryside is Mississippi mud pie?

Alberta Trails

By Irene Magnusson



Letter to the Editor

Harms unswayed by writers comments

Dear Editor:

Last week's letter to the Review from George and Dianne Anderson, is as close to published hate mail as I have ever seen. I just don't know why a paper such as yours continues to publish this trash. I want this letter to serve as notice to those who want to vent their anger and hatred at me or the Ag. Society through this paper or any other medium that you better be prepared for an immediate reaction. I guess that's what you want.

When the annual meeting was held to make the final decision to proceed or not to proceed with the addition to the A.G. Ross Arena, and the construction of the Riding Barn neither George nor Dianne Anderson were to be found. We are denied their infinite wisdom and at the same time they denied themselves an opportunity to exercise their democratic franchise and vote against this project. You both missed your chance and now you're still crying about a decision that was unanimously approved and even included the likes of then Mayor of Elk Point, Bruce Kleeberger.

Later in last week's letter, you go on to talk about trust misrepresentation, insinuations, threats and honesty. Years ago Mark Twain often complained about the pot calling the kettle black or was it the kettle calling the pot black but your letter reminds so much of that proverbial comparison.

Whether Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the pot or the kettle, nothing is going to change the fact that the Ag. Society does not have the money to subsidize this Arena in the future and in fact have set up the frame work for an alternative operating committee that with the help of the town, the county and the province will operate our local arena. We will all have to work together on this and it can be done.

Mrs. Anderson then goes on to ask why no mention was made of shutting down the Riding Arena. If George and Dianne had been attending Ag. Society meetings regularly they would know that the fairgrounds already have an operating committee and that the Riding barn more than makes enough money to pay its way.

As far as the Ag. Society books go, I think it's necessary to point out that Provincial auditors recently reviewed our books and the Ag. Society operations and that the Society was highly commended for the accuracy, clarity and the method of operations we maintain. As far as Mrs. Anderson list of grants go, I just want to remind everyone that it costs nearly $100,000. a year to operate the Arena. Where would you like this money to come from? As for the types of grants we have received, Elk Point is treated no differently than any other "C" society and that is what caused me to criticize the province. I have always maintained that the level of support from the province for our community should be much higher but with letters like the ones written by George and Dianne Anderson, this is not going to happen soon and that's going to affect each and everyone of us and in a way we all become big losers.

On top of last week's "Lindbergh Editorial" letter, I also noted a letter from Mayor Buck. Unfortunately for Mr. Buck he seems somewhat confused on what the town has done or what the province is doing. C.T.A.P. grants are provincial grants, not town grants and even though the town may have supported the Ag. Society, the cheques come directly from province's lottery funds. The so-called tax gift the mayor speaks of also has nothing to do with our town administration as Ag. Societies are protected from taxation just like any other municipal or educational facility in the province. This is governed under the Municipal act of the Province. On top of the many misleading values Mr. Buck speaks of, his administration has also reneged on their annual contribution towards the Arena, a whopping $3,000! I stand unswayed, the support from the Town of Elk Point is terrible!!!

I could do like many other Societies have recently done and present the town with a list of what it does for the community but instead just picture this, what would Elk Point be like without an active Agricultural Society? Think about this very carefully and guard your comments with some common sense because the many volunteers and supporters of this group are listening very, very carefully.

Yours truly,
Glenn Harms
Ag. Society President

MATTERS OF OPINION

So far, we have heard four differing opinions on this issue. What does the rest of the community have to say? Let's hear from you.

In the absence of your editor, due to holidays, this week's letters have been edited by the St. Paul Journal editorial staff.

WHAT'S NEWS AT THE LIBRARY?

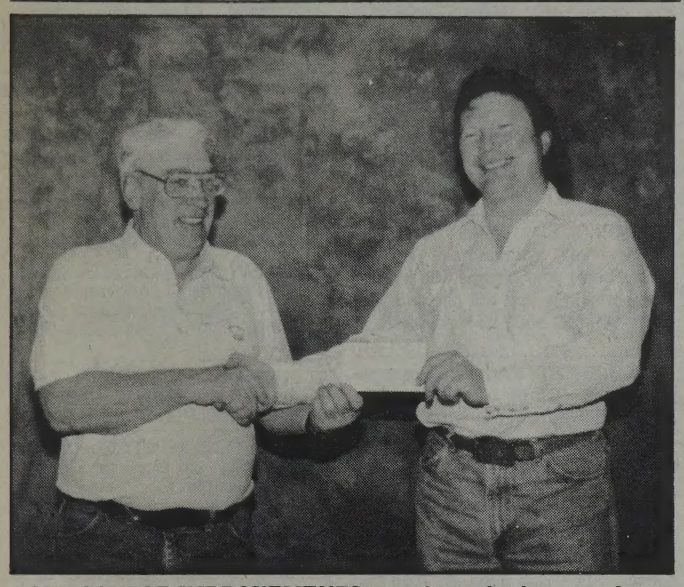
Large print books arrive

We have had two new "blocks" arrive at the library. A "block" is a number of books or videos which the library has loan of for a six-month period. The first block is of videos about Foreign Countries. The videos include: Children of the Tribe, China: A Land Transformed, In Praise of Hands, and Shoot and Cry. The second block that we have in is a collection of large print books. For those of you who enjoy the larger print here are just a few of the new titles: **Aviatrix,** by Elinor Smith; **Amour Against Love,** by Barbara Carland; **House of a Thousand Lanterns** by Victoria Holt; **The Raging Torrent,** by Graham Fisher, and **With a Bristol Fighter Squadron,** by Walter Noble, D.F.C. There are another twenty four large print books available for your enjoyment in this block.

Last week, we asked if anyone knew which insect makes its nest out of clay. The answer can be found in the **Eyewitness Books -- Insects** on page 52. The nest is made by the Polybia Singularis; a type of wasp. The**Eyewitness Books** are full of interesting pictures and diagrams for those younger scientists. This week we have a local question. "Who was Elk Point's first hairdresser?" To find the answer, you will have to look in our town's history book **Reflections.**

For those who enjoyed **Flight of the Intruder** and **Under Siege,** Stephen Coonts' new novel **The Red Horseman** has just arrived. Charles Colson's new book **The Body,** deals with tough questions that are troubling Christians and secularist today. In this book, dealing with the Church and all the secular changes, Colson dares Christians to be the people of God. Finally, we have an up-to-date on **Cancer.**This book looks at the latest known causes and treatments for cancer.

Finally, a few words from Gayle. The Summer Reading program is going great! I want to thank Tricia from Whitney Lake Parks for coming in and talking to the Elementary Level. We have made many crafts: a mobile, water collages, and caterpillars. On your next visit to the library, take a look inside the program room and see all the wonderful treasures that are stashed there.



GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS - continue, thanks to a substantial$2500 donation. Ian Huffman (right) of the Elk Point Oilmen's Association officially presents a cheque to Bill Jennissen for deposit to the Elk Point Golf and Country Club. The funds have been earmarked for purchase of a tee box. Photo by Rilla Higgins.

Still no word on EEMA

Rob Desjardins
Staff Writer

There's no indication yet whether residents of Alberta's rural northeast will be charged higher electrical fees than their southern neighbors.

Alberta Power and TransAlta Utilities are still negotiating for an acceptable agreement, after a provincial committee recommended that Alberta's cost-sharing agreement be amended so northerners' wholesale rates are six per cent higher.

Alberta Power's Barb Kuester says the companies are negotiating intensely, and the government is satisfied that they will reach an agreement.

The province had originally set July 15 as a deadline for the negotiations.

Tidbits

Take a simple view of life: Keep your eyes open and get on with it. -*Anonymous*

Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead. - *Louisa May Alcott*

Kinjerski plays with provincial winners

Elk Point's Sheldon Kinjerski is part of the St. Paul Runnin' Rebels, the team which defeated Sherwood Park 10 - 1 to win the Midget 'AA' Provincial Championships this past weekend in Slave Lake.

Pat Vincent, who was heavily involved in the Elk Point Minor Ball system when Kinjerski began playing ball, called the Review from Slave Lake on Monday to express his exultation with the win. "Finally, we are seeing dividends from the effort we put in [with the ball players]." Vincent, who is now the Slave Lake Town Administrator, said he was pleased and proud to see Kinjerski on the gold medal team.

Teams from Drayton Valley, Lacombe and Slave Lake were also involved in the tournament. The Rebels defeated Slave Lake, Drayton Valley and Sherwood Park, and lost to Lacombe in round robin play, prior to the finals.

Pioneer Circle Bingo

July 19, 1993

Nancy Heineman, $15; Ann Stuparyk, $45; Clare Holowatz, $30;

Alf Fakeley, $30; Caroline Shankowski, $30; Bill Milholland, $30; Star Zapasocki, $15; Kathy Zarowny, $75; Vera Fakeley, $10; Pearl Anderson,$10; Ernestine John, $10; Ann Stuparyk, $15; Lil Sass, $15; Bill Dewey, $30; Pearl Slywka, $30; George Botting, $30; Patsy Zarowny,$30; Maynard Magers, $20; Grace Durocher, $20; Ann Sheplawy, $26; Ella Myette, $65; Barbara Milholland, $25; Edith Womacks, $25; Helga Vaughan,$97; Edna Rosco, $36; Ann Stuparyk, $36; Olga Melnyk, $36; Lynn Lundgren, $36; Ann Stuparyk, $18; Mike Stuparyk, $18.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my husband, Bill, daughter's Billie and Sherry and their families for the Birthday Party given for me on July 10. I would also like to thank my many relatives and friends for the cards, gifts and contributions. It was a very memorable day for me. Thanks.

Barb Milholland

Tying the knot

Wedding bells will ring in the Beaver River riding Aug. 7 when MP Deborah Grey weds Edmontonian Lewis Larson.

The wedding will take place at the Dewberry Community Church at 11 a.m., followed by an open house at the Heinsburg Hall from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a program beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The couple are throwing open the doors, inviting constituents to come and celebrate this day with them.

Church Services

Elk Point Baptist Church
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service; Evening Services - Alternately held at the Heritage Lodge & Hospital; Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study (Child Care Provided).

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Elk Point
Church Office Hours
Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Wednesday - 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Worship Services
Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Church Service; 10:00 a.m. Sunday School.

Bible Fellowship Church
Clandonald
Services held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Sunday Mass, 12:00 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park
Sunday Worship Services, 10:00 a.m.

St. Vladmirs' Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Elk Point)
For Sevice times, call 645-5156 St. Paul or 724-4351, Elk Point.

COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

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Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

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"Welcome Package" available for newcomers moving into the town of Elk Point. If you would like to receive a package, please call Elk Point Community Services at 724-3800.

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The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

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Elk Point Oilettes regular meeting is the first Thurday of the month. For more information, call Fay at 724-2036.

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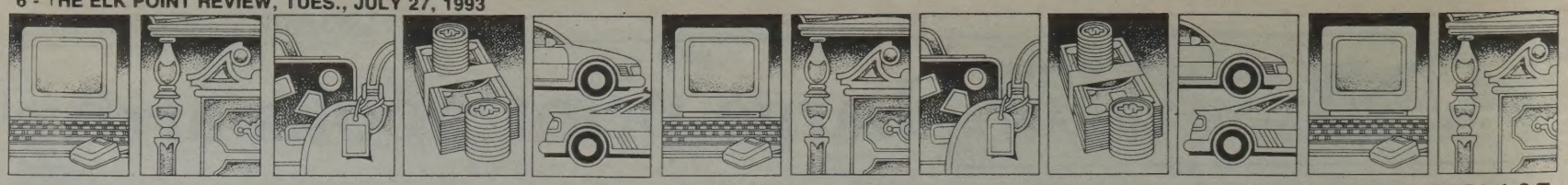

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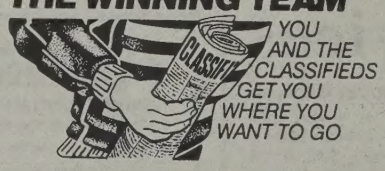

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"I can't grow enough grain on this one quarter to pay the taxes," Cooknell said.

Cooknell said he's been in and out of the county office, but isn't happy with what he's heard.

"I'd be better off to live in town and have the water, the pavement and the sewer provided."

St. Brides area farmer Stan Harder is equally dissatisfied with the new assessment.

As a cattle breeder on a quarter of land, he's seen his takes increase by$1,1000 and questions what service he is receiving in return from the county. Taxation, he says, is a fee for services provided.

"The principle of taxation is that we should pay for what we get, but also get what we pay for.

"This (RAP) is the least equitable way they could have possibly devised."

Harder believes there should be a flat tax levied to cover the basic overhead of county operations. After that, he said it should be a "user pay" system.

"Public roads add value to private property. If I only have 2,000 feet of county road, should I be contributing the same amount to road maintenance and construction as the farmer with eight miles of road exposure," Harder questioned.

He said he is "astonished" at the apathy of acreage owners in the county who he feels are continuing to be "skewered" by the county.

"Their suffering punitive taxation. It's not based on a fee for service, because they don't any services compared to farmers owning 10 quarters of land."

Harder's frustration with the new tax policy has him suggesting that residents might consider establishing a ratepayers' association in the county to address some of the concerns.

"There is no personal animosity on behalf of myself with anyone at the county. It's important than an association be positive not punitive - that we look at administrative efficiency and economic direction.

"People have a responsibility to take an interest in how their money is being spent."

County residents will have an opportunity to question their new assessments during a week-long open house at the county Aug. 16 to 20.

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Orkney trip in time impressive

Isabell Shoff
Staff Writer

Imagine sailing back in time to a tiny Scottish island filled with flagstone streets and friendly Orcadians.

The clear blue ocean stretches around you as sheep graze on hilltops and folk groups travel about the land.

Those are just some of the experiences of family historian Shirley Wishart as she set sail two summers ago in search of her "Orkney connection."

Wishart, who is a direct descendant of James Spence, former master of Buckingham House, travelled through five of the more than 70 islands near Scotland while on the Orkney-Rupert's Land Colloquium in the summer of 1990.

The friendly woman bubbled over with delight as she shared the secrets of her journey with an intimate crowd gathered at the Fort George Buckingham House Interpretive Centre last Thursday.

Color slides and enchanting musical tapes helped Wishart spread her enthusiasm for the tiny archipelago lying to the northeast of the Scottish mainland.

The magic journey began with Wishart telling the crowd about her fear of getting seasick while crossing the often turbulent Pentland Firth near Stromness.

But after having survived the sea, Wishart said she was immediately enchanted by the flagstone streets which greeted her.

"I couldn't help but imagine all the ships that came in here," Wishart said.

While Wishart travelled around the island, she told the crowd about running into at least three establishments bearing her family name and a sense of pride came over her.

"Everyone in the Orkney's is a 52nd cousin," Wishart said.

Wishart guided the crowd through the streets of Stromness as she pointed out the streets, places, and points of interest. Logan's Well was one such place, where Hudson's Bay Co. ships used to roll their barrels in to be filled with water.

A folk group was even named after the famous spot, the Logan's Wellies, and as their melodic refrains drifted across the room, the crowd was encouraged to join in with the Hudson's Bay song.

Moving further along the tour, Wishart described other scenic sights and people she met on other islands during her stay.

At Maeshowe she described Viking graffitti, a type of hieroglyphics found in an illuminated chamber and later on she described the Tomb of Eagles, where vistors crawl on their hands and knees to see the bones of former Orcadians.

Wishart also gave the crowd a chance to hear the true Orcadian dialect, a smooth, distinct sound often mistake for Welsh.

Finally, after a brief folklore story, it was time for Wishart's magical Orcadian journey to come to an end as she bid the Orcadians farewell until another day.

GUEST SPEAKER APPRECIATED - Louise Crane (right), Director of Visitor Services for Fort George - Buckingham House, presented guest speaker Shirley Wishart with a book and native beads as a memento of her very interesting presentation at the Interpretive Centre last week.

Bert, Buddy leading in Cheyenne

Cheyenne Frontier Days, "The Granddaddy of 'em all," kicked off Saturday night with 24 wagons competing. After two nights of running, Bert Croteau of Bonnyville led the standings with the fastest times in both shows, while Dewberry's Buddy Bensmiller had two second place times to sit second overall, four seconds behind the leader. Bensmiller's second outfit is another two seconds down in third place.

Meanwhile, in St. Walburg, Saskatchewan this past weekend, Brian Laboucane of St. Walburg and Stan Robertson of Clandonald were the day money winners, with Laboucane winning the meet by less than a two second margin over the two days.

Ray Croteau of Bonnyville and Ray Mitsuing of Loon Lake, SK, are tied for the lead in the Northern Professional Chuckwagon Association point standings at the present time, with Brian Laboucane sitting third, Bert Croteau fifth and Stan Robertson sixth. Buddy Bensmiller is in tenth spot at the current time.

This weekend, the NPCA visits Turtleford, SK with races Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. Cheyenne also winds up on Sunday.

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July 25 -- 31, 1993

Farm safety no accident

This week, July 25 to 31, is National Farm Safety Week. It is the perfect opportunity for area farmers to sit back and take a bird's-eye view of their operations, pinpoint potentially dangerous areas, and correct them.

Many farmers are all too aware of the hazards that present themselves on a daily basis in a farm's operation. But accidents happen in a matter of seconds and their impact can last a lifetime.

"It's not a lack of knowledge. People know these things but they forget. Farm Safety Week is a way to remind them," says Solomon Kyeremanteng, manager of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development's Farm Safety Program.

With this in mind, and with the help of several local resource people and businesses, the *Journal* presents this Farm Safety Week special edition. We hope that the information provided in the following pages in some way enables you, the farmer, to make your farming operation a safer one for you and your family.

Farm safety is no accident.

Play it safe

Leona Reynolds-Zayak
District Home Economist, Two Hills

We have a tendency to think that a farm accident will not happen to us. It's just something you hear about. But this isn't true.

In terms of death rate, farming is said to be the third most dangerous occupation in North America. It's second only to construction in the number of deaths it actually causes.

In Alberta, more farming accidents involve farm machinery than any other agent. Farm machinery presents many hazards. Knowing how to react safely, in the presence of common hazards, is necessary to prevent serious accidents and deaths.

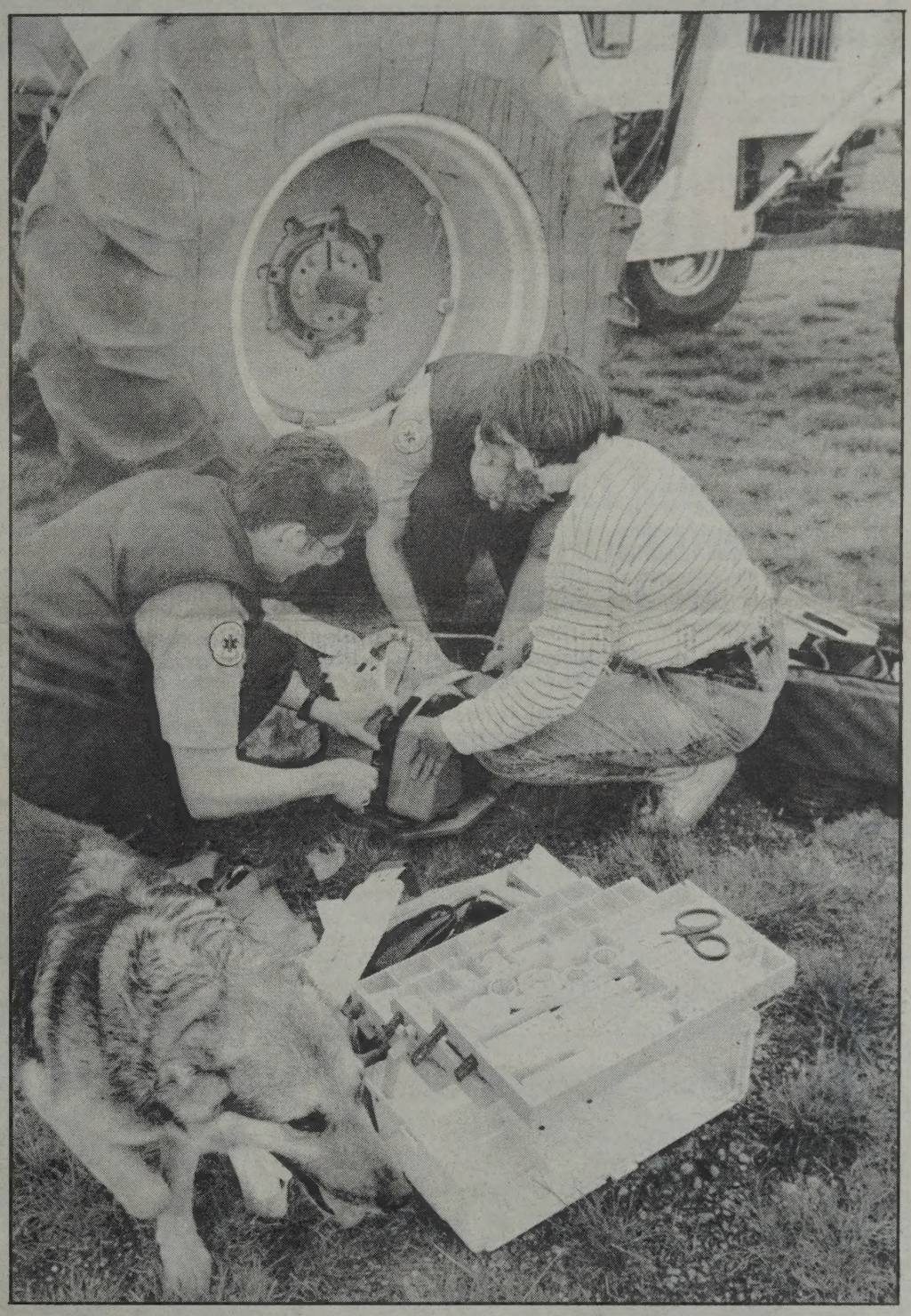
Being safety conscious is a valuable asset when you look at all the costs of an accident. First there are the physical costs; the loss of a limb or even life. The trauma of breaking a leg or losing an arm are long remembered.

A second cost is loss of income. Loss of a day's work during crop growing season has been estimated to cost from $600 to $800 per day. Accidents can cost an average of nineteen working days.

But these are only immediate costs. There are also future liabilities. Just think how difficult it would be to get dressed with only one arm. Now, can you imagine trying to do your farm chores.

The number of farm accidents are decreasing. We need to work together to continue reducing the number of farm fatalities. So this summer when you're busy in the field, spend an extra few minutes on safety. It's worth it!

For more information on farm safety, ask your District Agriculture Office for a copy of the publication "Safety Guide for Farming", Agdex 086-6.



PROVIDING HELP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE -- In this simulated accident scene, St. Paul and District Ambulance Service emergency medical technicians, Trevor Day (far left) and Brent Blyth, with assistance from Diane Cote, give Oliver Zarowny medical attention after he had been run over by a tractor. The EMTs provided *The St. Paul Journal* with a step-by-step procedure of what happens in case there is a farm accident. **See story page C2.**

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TAKING NO CHANCES -- Trevor Day (left) and Brent Blyth begin giving Oliver Zarowny medical attention during a simulated farm accident in which Oliver was run over by a tractor. Day and Blyth make sure the head is immobilized before transporting Zarowny to the hospital.

All in a day's work

Bruce Campbell
Staff Writer

The following is a fact-based, fictional account of the actions taken by the St. Paul and District Ambulance Service after responding to a call regarding a farm accident.

It's a sound none of the emergency medical technicians want to hear. At 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, the emergency phone line at the St. Paul and District Ambulance Service rings.

Oliver Zarowny, a 13-year-old boy, has fallen off a tractor and has been run over.

EMT Trevor Day takes the call and a slightly-hysterical woman gives him directions to the farm -- the Cote residence; head west out of town to Cartier Road, turn south for five miles and then west again for a half-a-mile.

Not in the preferred kilometres, but it will have to do.

With sirens blaring and lights flashing, Day and his partner, Brent Blyth, speed off to the accident scene.

Upon hitting Cartier Road, Day and Blyth, face one of the EMTs' common nemeses.

A gravel road.

"It's a common misconception that we can just drive as fast as we want," Day explains, while driving approximately 80 km/hour. "We have to get there safely. We can't do anybody any good if we're in the ditch."

They soon face another dilemma -- they've been given the wrong directions.

Blyth is forced to knock on the door of a nearby farmhouse to receive directions.

Slamming his hand on the steering wheel Day exclaims, "It's frustrating when you know someone is in trouble and you're lost."

A trip that should have taken 10 minutes winds up taking 20. Upon finally reaching the scene, Diane Cote takes them to the scene of the accident.

Blyth and Day due a quick "mechanism of injury," where they assess the accident scene -- checking for possible gas leaks and physical evidence which may help them to assess Zarowny's condition.

Blyth immediately asks Zarowny how he's doing. Zarowny gives a meek reply -- indicating he's conscious.

"If he's unconscious, we need to hurry -- just load and go," Blyth said. Since he's conscious, the EMTs can take a little extra time in preparing him for the trip back to the hospital.

Blyth says the goal is to get Zarowny to a "higher

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EMTs need to find the way

There's one simple word which the St. Paul and District Ambulance Service would like you to remember when phoning for emergency service because of a farming accident.

"Location, location, location," said emergency medical technician Steve Betts. "Above all else, that's the most important thing.

"It's just general common sense -- we can't help anybody if we can't find them."

It's important to remember that the majority of the EMTs servicing the county of St. Paul aren't country folk -- directions have to be specific. Since ambulances' odometers are in kilometres, give the directions in kilometres.

"The directions shouldn't be, 'Turn east at the big tree and then north at the big rock,'" Betts said.

"It should be something like, 'Go two kilometres east of town, turn south on Myrnam highway for 18 km, then west two km and then north one km.'"

He also suggests leaving a porch light on, or, if possible, sending an adult out to guide them in to the emergency site the last kilometre or so.

Betts says he realizes the majority of rural residents are used to giving directions in miles but he suggests, "Next time you come home from town, check out your trip meter and write down the directions in kilometres.

"It only takes two minutes and it could save your life."

Make sure the directions and the ambulance phone number are written down and kept close to the telephone -- in an emergency situation it may not be all that easy to remember exactly what the directions are.

The St. Paul and District Ambulance Service number is 645-3256.

When phoning give a brief description of what happened.

"Joe fell off a combine is good enough -- location is the biggest pain in the neck," Betts reiterated.

There are also some basic first aid drills that could be done for the victim while waiting for the ambulance.

If, there is bleeding, apply pressure. If the victim is impaled or an object is stuck into him -- don't remove it.

And most importantly, if a neck or spinal injury is suspected -- don't move the victim at all. The result could be paralysis.

Betts requested that if you accidently dial the emergency line "To say 'sorry wrong number.' Don't just hang up."

Otherwise, an attempt will be made to trace the call under the assumption there is an emergency.

Keep your feet on solid ground with heavy-duty footwear.

Be hard-headed about farm safety - keep your head protected at all times.

Protect your two best assets with safety goggles.

Keep your hands out of harm's way - always wear protective gloves.

"Prevention is better than treatment"

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JULY 25 - 31, 1993

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All in a day's work

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level of care so a doctor can do skills we're not capable of."

Day says their assessment is Zarowny has suffered a pair of broken legs but not wanting to take any chances, they will also consider the possibility of a spinal injury.

"We always suspect the worst – until they do X-rays, we just don't know," he added.

Fearing spinal injury, Zarowny is "packaged."

While Day keeps Zarowny's head in line with his body, Blyth, with the help of Cote, slide a back board under Oliver.

"The more hands we got the better," Blyth says. "To minimize the spinal movement as much as possible, we will recruit someone to help us."

Zarowny is then strapped into the board and his head is immobilized.

All this is done in the midst of a driving rain storm.

A blanket is spread over Zarowny and he is placed in the back of ambulance.

He then takes a turn for the worse – he loses consciousness.

"We have to bag him," Day says.

Day clears Zarowny's airway and then places a bag-valve mask over his mouth to assist Oliver in breathing.

Blyth, who has been taking Zarowny's blood pressure, then takes over the operation of the bag-valve mask as Day begins the drive to the hospital.

It's a Code 3 – sirens blaring and lights flashing. While Day drives, Blyth is radioing the hospital to "let them know what we're bringing."

Upon getting in to town, the EMTs face one more obstacle.

A driver in front of them is paying more attention to AC/DC's Highway to Hell blaring from his car stereo than the emergency siren directly behind him.

"It's really frustrating when people won't get out of the way," Day says.

"C'mon buddy, pull to the right."

Zarowny is finally unloaded at the "trauma theatre,"(It's not the kind of theatre you want to watch," Blyth quips.) at St. Therese Hospital. Day and Blyth give a "history" of the accident to the medical staff and stick around to help, if needed.

After cleaning up the ambulance, Day and Blyth are ready for another call.

Emergency farm safety challenge

1. Phoning for help is much easier if these are found near all farm telephones.
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5. Oxygen, heat and fuel will start this.
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8. This is how to respond to a severe bleeding injury.
9. You need two of these to save a severed limb.
10. All members of the family should have at least some training in this.

QIESTIONING THE ANSWERS

1. What are emergency numbers and legal description of your location?
2. What is the operator?
3. What is a first aid kit? You should have them on machinery, in trucks, in the shop and in the home.
4. What is a silo?
5. What is a fire? To put out a fire, deprive it of one of these?
6. What is stop, drop and roll?
7. What is a fire extinguisher?
8. What is RED? (Rest, Elevate and Direct Pressure)
9. What are plastic bags? Seal the limb in one and put it into the second one with some ice or cold liquid.
10. What is first aid?

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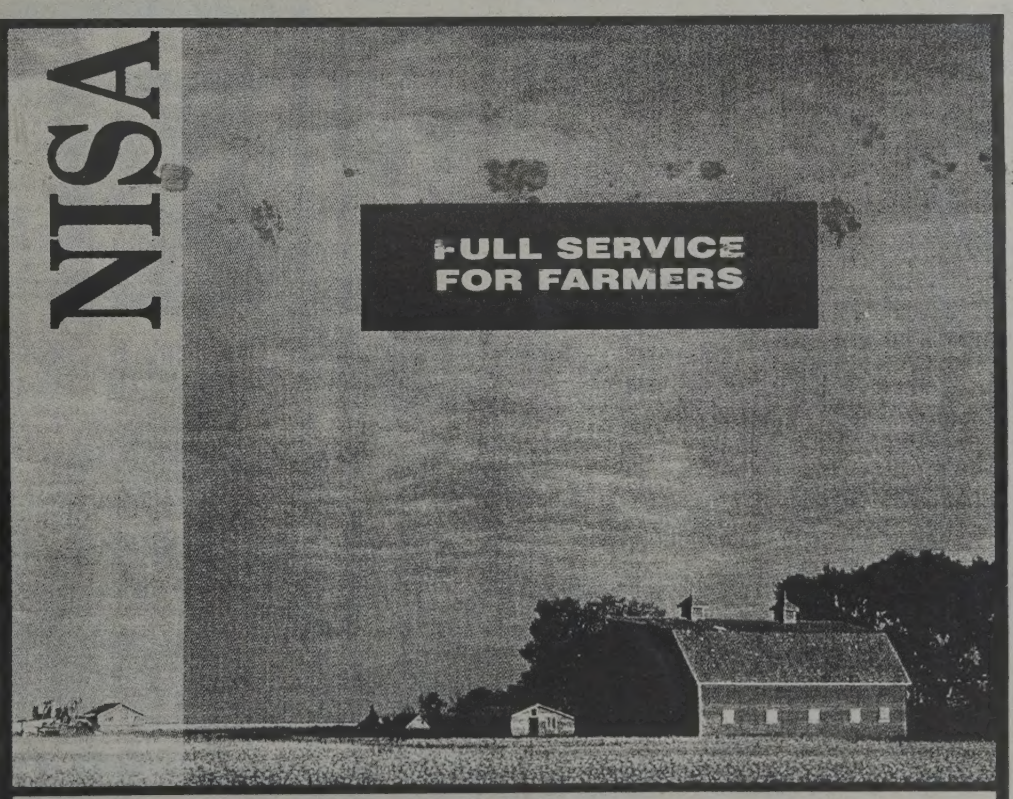

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Neighbors helping neighbors

Rob Desjardins
Staff Writer

A few summers ago, farmers in the Mallaig area saw an odd sight -- a lone motorcyclist, careening across the wheatfields south of the hamlet.

They didn't think much of it...until the phone rang, and a recorded message asked for help.

A bank, it said, had been held up in Mallaig. A man had escaped on a motorcycle. And the farmers, all members of the Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch Association, realized what they'd seen -- the thief, fleeing the scene of the crime.

"The tips they phoned in directed us in the right direction," says RCMP Cst. Randy Pack.

"We knew where the vehicle was last seen, and we started picking up evidence. After a year, we had enough evidence to arrest the suspect."

It was, Pack says, one of Rural Crime Watch's best moments. But only one.

"The program is great, because it means people giving each other a hand," David Boorse, president of the association, said Friday.

"You keep an eye on the farms in your area, report any suspicious activity to the police. And you know the people around you are doing the same. There's security there."

Rural Crime Watch was launched in the area in 1980. Since then, its membership has swelled to 720.

And each member is leaving his -- or her -- mark on the countryside. The association's fluorescent-yellow Crime Watch signs, posted on fenceposts and gates, speckle the horizon -- and they seem effective in deterring criminals, Boorse says.

"It's really making a big difference. We had a case where there were three farms in St. Vincent. The two on either side had the signs posted, and the one in the middle was the one that got robbed."

"Our local criminals who know of Rural Crime Watch are afraid of them," agrees Pack. "They know they're active."

They're also well-informed -- thanks to the association's computer fan-out system. Nestled in a small corner of the RCMP detachment, the computer dials hundreds of numbers and recites a pre-recorded message after every crime.

The system, Pack says, is a huge leap forward in crime-fighting. It's also useful for coordinating rescues -- like an exhilarating recovery two years ago.

"We learned that a child was missing near Goodridge," Boorse says. "Within a few hours, we'd gotten a whole group of neighbors together searching the area, and he was found."

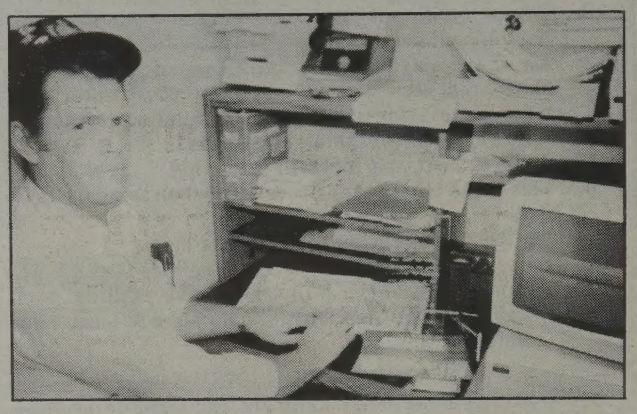
Members also get information -- pamphlets and brochures -- in their membership kit. It offers tips on beating crime before it happens, by taking preventative measures. These include:

- identify all your large, valuable items by engraving or stamping a driver's license number into them;
- videotape your valuables for identification;
- brand your cattle clearly;
- check your herds frequently, and keep careful records of them;
- lock your home and buildings securely;
- keep outside gas tanks and farm equipment well-lit;
- and keep your tanks securely locked.

Joining the association is as easy as dialing a number -- Boorse's, or Cst. Pack's at the detachment -- and contributing a $10 fee.

It's well worth it, Boorse says.

"The only requirement is that you're a good citizen, without a criminal record."



A BIG FAN OF RURAL CRIME WATCH -- David Boorse, president of the Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch Association, sits at the desk of the computer fan-out system at the St. Paul RCMP detachment.

Safety can be built into structures

Some farm structures are extremely hazardous to children. The most dangerous of these include:

* Silos, with their deadly gases and unloading equipment.
* A grain bin can turn into quicksand, particularly during bottom unloading (children have also "drowned" in grain as bins were being filled).
* Farm ponds and open liquid manure storage facilities are potential drowning sites.
* Stationary machinery, such as feed mills.
* Electrical boxes and wiring.
* Anywhere high enough to produce a dangerous fall.

The only way to make any of these areas safe for children is to make them inaccessible. In some cases, this requires special fencing (eg. around manure pits). The fencing must be designed to prevent children from squeezing through or climbing over the top.

The bottoms of fixed ladders should be out of reach, or blocked off by a special barrier. Portable ladders should be stored away from dangerous areas such as silos.

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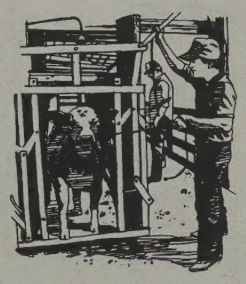

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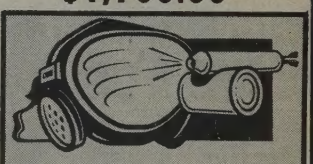

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Help for the disabled

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Staff Writer

A sudden handicapping injury becomes a devastating experience if you are an active farmer. Just ask Darrell Elkow.

The Two Hills farmer was left paralyzed following an accident seven years ago on his farm located six miles east of Junction 36.

"I was injured in 1978 when a truck fell on top of me as I was putting on mud flaps," Elkow said.

But Elkow didn't let the accident get him down for long. He soon turned his misfortune into good news for other handicapped farmers by starting up the Physically Challenged Farmers Program.

The program, which was started in 1985, is a branch of the Easter Seal Ability Council, whose main purpose is to improve the services available for disabled farmers, through counselling and modified farm equipment, so they may return to their full farming potential again.

Some of the program's main objectives include increasing and improving communications between the farmer and the health professional, increasing the public's awareness of the nature of various disabilities, and promoting the capabilities of the disabled individual.

Elkow said volunteers and families are a vital part of the program, especially in the counselling process.

"A lot of farming operations are all family run and when you take the players away it concentrates more on the remaining family members," Elkow said.

"We're there to listen and to help them out through the tough times they have."

As well as counselling, the program also provides modified farm machinery to farmers wishing to return to work.

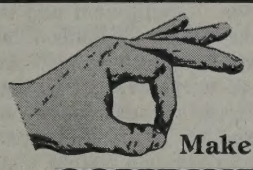
Some of the modifications include a swing lift into the cab of the vehicle and hydraulic levers on all controls.

"We have a tractor well rigged up for a person to take around," Elkow said.

Elkow said funding for the program is provided by the ability council and through private donations.

"We rely heavily on consumer dollars," Elkow said.

Anyone wishing further information on the program or wanting to make a donation can contact Elkow at the Easter Seal Ability Council in Edmonton at 429-0137.



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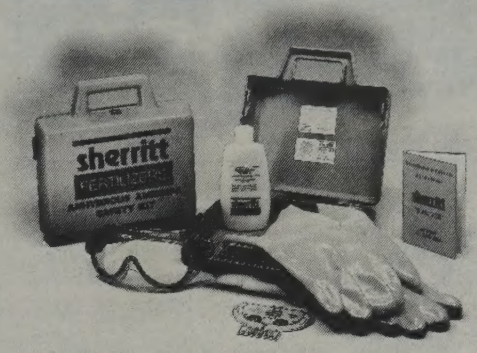

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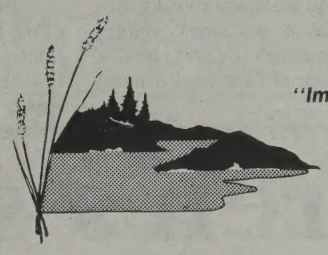

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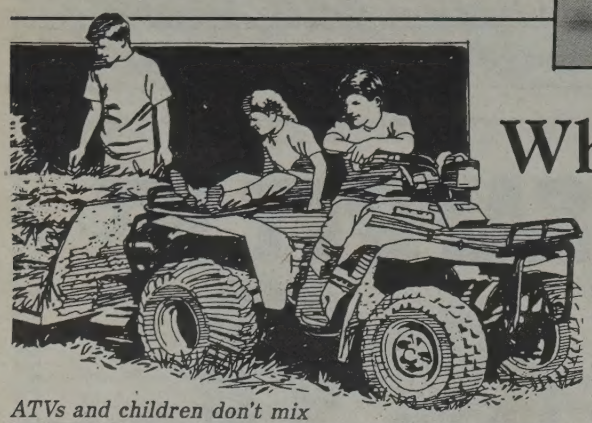

ATVs and children don't mix

Why farm accidents claim children

In Canada, close to 50 per cent of farm children killed are under age five, according to the Ontario Farm Association. A National Safety Council survey in the U.S. reported that children under the age of 14 are the most likely victims of farm accidents.

Why do farm accidents claim so many children? Safety spokespeople in both countries say that children play around machinery, in barns and other areas because there is no safe place for them while the work is being done. There are three major factors that aggravate the dangers for farm children.

Increased farm mechanization is the first. More mechanization means more children are exposed to the dangers of powerful, rotating machinery, such as power take-off shafts and grain loaders. And, according to a national study, machinery injuries have surpassed other types of injuries and are a major source of fatalities among children.

Many of these injuries are caused by old equipment manufactured prior to safety standards. But modern equipment can also endanger children simply because it is easier to operate.

Along with mechanization, there are new dangers found on today's highly technical farms. For example, there is increased use and storage of pesticides and other toxic chemicals on today's farms and increased use of all-terrain vehicles (ATV's). One-half of the ATV accidents have involved children. During the last five years, ATV accidents have accounted for more than 900 deaths.

Other factors, such as stressful economic conditions also put children at risk. Hard times may mean that more children step in to take the place of hired help. It may also mean more farm wives have been forced to take a job off the farm, leaving the children with less supervision. Or, it might mean that parents are overworked and not as alert to danger signals.

In the evening, farms can become classic, high-risk environments. Busy parents are routinely using caustic products, with tired, hungry toddlers nearby. It is a blend of home, industrial workplace and child-care facility.

Some farmers want to instill a strong work ethic in their children. Farmers merge work and family life and there are hidden dangers out there that they might not recognize until they take a closer look. The hazards include corn augers, flowing grain, tractors, unshielded power take-offs and other farm machinery, large animals such as horses and cows, hazardous unloading equipment, stationary machinery such as feed mills, electrical boxes, wiring and silos and sources of deadly gases such as farm ponds and open liquid manure storage facilities.

"Awareness and prevention is the key to stopping childhood farm injuries and deaths," says Marilyn Adams, the founder and president of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids. Her organization tries to educate children about farm safety through a variety of ways. For example, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids uses decals to identify hazardous areas in the farmyard. Decals appear on the grain bin, some shop equipment and the chemical storage area.

"Children learn quickly to avoid areas with safety decals," Adams says, "But at the same time, you've got to satisfy kids' curiosity or they won't respect dangerous areas."

Cargil recently formed a partnership with the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids program, and hopes to build community awareness through its elevator and farm supply locations across the country. "We're committed to safety in our workplace and wanted to share that commitment with the communities we operate in. This program will help everyone, young and old, to become better educated about the hazards involved in rural life," says Kerry Hawkins, President of Cargill Limited.

Children's safety is up to you!

Farm children live in a workplace that exposes them to heavy machinery, dangerous chemicals, livestock, and numerous other hazards. Almost 15 per cent of farm accident victims are under 10 years of age. It is the adult's responsibility to ensure youngsters are isolated from the risk.

Accidents involving children **can be prevented** through attention to details, and a sound understanding of fundamental safety principles:

– Ensure equipment and buildings are safe. Hazardous situations must be isolated. Children are extremely curious but lack adult judgement. They may also be small enough to get past protective devices that would stop most grown-ups. Diligence is of the utmost importance.

– Keep pesticides in a locked storage area and use

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FARM SAFETY WEEK

July 25 - July 31, 1993

On-the-Farm Safety of Children is Adults' Responsibility

The statistics are frightening! In just 10 years, 56 children under the age of 17 were killed in Alberta Farm Accidents. Among these fatalities were 38 youngsters aged 10 or less. 29 were under the age of six. In every case, a very young life was cut short, and a family was left with a gap that can never be filled.

The very nature of farming activities is what makes them so dangerous to children. On the one hand, a farm is an industrial workplace, filled with a bewildering variety of dangers. Yet it is also a home, or a special place to visit. Children cannot simply be kept completely away from the workplace, as is the case in other industries. Instead, farm families must identify the many hazards and find ways of dealing with them.

The Major Hazards

Hazards encountered on a farm are extremely varied. They range from electric shock, to poisoning, to bad-tempered livestock. The hazards also change — for example, a stubble field may be a good, safe place for a walk. A few days earlier — during harvesting — the same field would have been filled with danger.

* **Machinery** — Most children killed or injured on farms are victims of machinery accidents. Many of these tragedies occur when an operator starts a machine without even knowing a child is in the area.

* **Hazardous Materials** — A majority of farm chemicals are quite dangerous. If children (especially small children) get their hands on such materials, the results can be quite tragic.

* **Livestock** — Even good-tempered animals can become dangerous. For example, a toddler could be knocked down and trampled by cattle that would hardly notice the child's presence.

* **Buildings and Other Structures** — Buildings can be designed to be safe, and should be fixed if they are unsafe. However, sloppiness can defeat the safest design.

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BASIC TIPS

1. NO RIDERS

Every year, children are run over and killed by farm machinery. In most cases, the youngsters were riders on tractors operated by an adult. You have to be firm! Refuse to give in to pleas for "just a little ride". Allowing children, or other adults, to ride on farm tractors can only be described as negligence on the driver's part. Make **"NO RIDERS"** the rule on your farm.

2. KEEPING CHILDREN OUT OF HARM'S WAY

Many child fatalities on the farm occur when youngsters aren't under adult supervision. Toddlers are run over by equipment that is being backed up. Older kids get trapped in flowing grain, while other youngsters fall into ponds or manure storages. A fenced yard may be the only answer for the little ones. Their safety is the responsibility of adults.

3. FARMSTEAD SAFETY

How safe is your farm operation for children? A hole in a barn floor or a missing shield on a piece of equipment can be dangerous for both adults and kids. Make sure that children don't have access to dangerous equipment and chemicals.

4. MACHINERY OPERATION BY CHILDREN

Is this the first year that your child will be allowed to operate farm machinery? Think long and hard about how you will handle the situation. First of all, is the youngster really big enough and strong enough to handle all of the controls? Has the child been trained thoroughly about the safe operation of the equipment before start-up? Make very sure that the rules are understood before a wheel turns.

Toddlers need special protection

Safety on the farm is influenced by many factors. Good "housekeeping", proper equipment shielding, and employee training are vitally important in the quest for an accident-free farm workplace. However, it is attitude and awareness that determine safe farming operations.

Creating awareness and furthering positive attitudes towards safety among all farm family members and employees is the reason for designating the last days of July as "National Farm Safety Week". Every year by drawing attention to these issues during this one special week, we hope to highlight the importance of safety.

Pre-schoolers are simply unaware of the multitude of hazards that exist in the farm environment. As grown-ups we can make a difference!

Youngsters simply don't belong in areas where farm work is being conducted. There's nothing "cute" about toddlers riding on a tractor driver's lap. And a child who is wandering unsupervised around the farm yard is subject to a myriad of hazards.

Pre-schoolers need to be supervised at all times. A fenced yard can go a long way towards keeping youngsters out of harm's way.

Many of the factors pertaining to safety simply aren't understood by little children. Remember, young children can easily be distracted and forget instructions.

Awareness is the key.

Adults must develop the awareness that is essential to keeping kids safe on the farm.

It's up to you

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with due caution around children.

– Know where children are at all times. This, while difficult if both parents have to join in the work, is essential to their well-being and safety.

– Practise safety. Have you ever left a chemical container for "just a second," and ended up coming back several hours later? The best planning and intentions only pay off if safety is practised every day.

– Educate. Small children can learn the rudiments of safety, such as which areas of the farm are "off limits". As they get older, kids can learn why certain things are dangerous. School programs and safety publications designed specifically for children enhance the learning process.

Remember that children sometimes are careless, forgetful or disobedient. In the end, the safety of children on the farm is in your hands.

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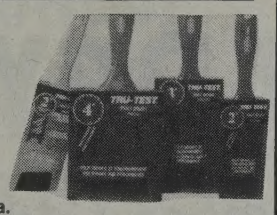

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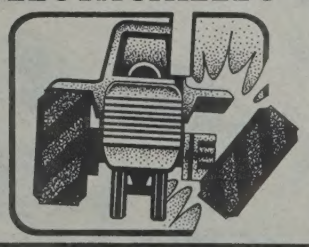

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Livestock Accidents

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Don't let the "contented cows" slogan fool you.

The truth is, livestock is second only to machinery as a major cause of farm accidents in Alberta.

Animals, as a safety guide from Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development notes, are unpredictable -- c "living, feeling, reacting creatures" with "no switch to turn them on and off when they become dangerous."

Bulls, the snorting kings of the farmyard, are the most dangerous. As veterinarian Don Ronaghan says, they are "often temperamental, especially when you're trying to make them do something they don't understand."

Cows, just after calving, can be vicious. And untrained horses are often prone to running and kicking unpredictably.

They should all be approached with caution -- and what Ronaghan calls "good animal psychology.

"You have to think like an animal, anticipate what it might do, and prevent it."

Ronaghan, who has "never had a serious injury yet, though I've been kicked, bitten and rammed," says one of the most important considerations is where the animal is held.

"If they're kept in a decent facility -- a proper pen -- you can approach them easily. It's a different story if they're tied to a tree."

The safety guide outlines other handling tips:

Cattle.

- Avoid rough handling.
- Avoid loud shouts or whistles that could startle an animal.
- Don't get too close to highly strung or newly freshened cows.
- Be gentle with cattle that have sore udders.
- Check cattle for symptoms of disease.
- Never become caught in a "bunching group of cattle."
- Avoid being in a closed stall or open pen with cattle.
- Keep pens clean to prevent slipping and being trampled.
- Use only facilities appropriate for the job you are doing, not substitutes.
- Never reach into a pen through holes in the fencing.
- Never tease a calf: the mother may charge.

Bulls.

- Handle bulls in well-constructed bull pens.
- Never enter the bull pen. You should be able to untie the ropes from the outside.
- If you must lead a bull, use a rope through the bull's nose ring.
- When handling a bull, try to keep all other cattle away from his sight and smell.
- Always respect this animal; never tease him. Keep out of his way.

Horses.

- Let a horse know you are approaching by talking or whistling softly.
- Match your handling skill to the temperament and size of the horse.
- A horse responds to kind but firm treatment.
- Be familiar with the control techniques used in handling horses.
- Learn how to put on and adjust equipment before riding.
- Wear shoes or boots that can slip from the stirrup easily.
- Never ride bare-legged.
- Learn the proper mounting and dismounting techniques.

When riding a horse:

- ride on the right side of the trail
- leave some space between the horses
- walk the horse when going up or down steep slopes
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Round bales pose concerns

Isabell Shoff
Staff Writer

Farmers need to be aware of additional safety concerns while handling round bales, according to Two Hills district home economist Leona Reynolds-Zayak.

Zayak, who specializes in farm safety, said most farmers don't realize the extra hazards associated with handling the heavier and bigger bales.

"Accidents occur while handling round bales because of their extra size and weight," Zayak said.

"Farmers need to take extra precautions."

According to Zayak, most accidents occur while ejecting the bales on a hill or if the front end of a loader gets raised too high while unloading the bales and a bale rolls back on the loader, crushing the driver.

CHECKING THE EXTINGUISHER -- Two Hills district home economist Leona Reynolds-Zayak checked Michelle Cymbaliuk's fire extinguisher in her tractor last week. Zayak recommends all farmers have extinguishers in their vehicles.

"Accidents occur while handling round bales because of their extra size and weight"
- Zayak

Luckily, Zayak said, there are numerous safety precautions which can be taken while working with the bales and balers to avoid such accidents.

"Always use a bale-restraining device and a tractor large enough to handle the great weight involved," Zayak said.

Other precautions include using a tractor with a rollover protective structure, keeping the front-end loader low, and driving slowly to avoid sudden movements.

"Keep alert and keep thinking," Zayak said.

Fires are another common problem associated with round balers mainly due to over-heated bearings.

Eric Jones, Alberta Agriculture's farm safety specialist, said the following procedure should be followed if a bale fire is detected:

1. eject the bale
2. shut off the tractor
3. extinguish the bale fire with water.

Jones said fire extinguishers that are recommended for the farm come in several types depending on the fires that might be encountered.

For instance, there may be a fire inside the baler caused by grease and straw in which case a dry chemical fire extinguisher is best.

But a 2 1/2 gallon water fire extinguisher is recommended for the baler, combine and swather since most fires involve burning ash materials and require a cooling agent.

Zayak said she recommends all farmers have a fire extinguisher handy in each of their vehicles and ensure that the extinguisher is checked on a regular basis to ensure it's in proper working order.

"I think everyone should have one," Zayak said, "but you have to keep up on them and ensure that they're maintained."

Anyone wishing further information on fires in balers or the dangers associated with round balers should contact Zayak at 657-3311.

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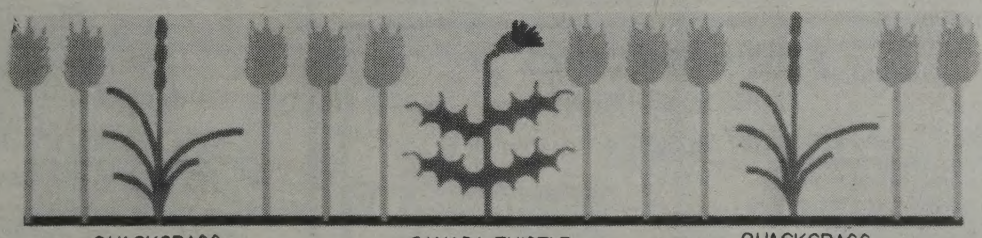

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Fire Safety

Open fires need permits

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Dennis Bergheim, County of St. Paul agricultural fieldman, reminds area farmers that any open burning in the county requires a permit issued under the Forest and Prairie Protection Act.

"Most of the fires getting out of control don't have the permits," Bergheim said, pointing out that the permits have a set of conditions that landowners must adhere to. Permits stipulate that no person shall:

- light an outdoor fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times;
- light an outdoor fire when weather conditions are conducive to a fire readily escapting out of control;
- fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading onto land other than his own;
- deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance in a place where it might ignite other matter and result in a fire.

Additionally, landowners are asked to avoid burning when winds are blowing towards any primary, secondary highways, or maintained county roads.

"If there is ever an accident on a road due to smoke, a person could be held liable for it. It's happened a few times in the province now," Bergheim said.

Alberta Transportation must be contacted before igniting a fire within half a mile of a primary highway. The County office must be notified if there is to be any burning near a secondary highway. Signs warning motorists can then be erected.

Under the Forestry and Prairie Protection Act, people who fail to obtain a permit before setting a fire can be liable for a fine to a maximum of $1,000.

The county's role in firefighting

When fires do get out of control, county volunteer fire departments are there to help.

Dennis Bergheim, disaster services coordinator for the County of St. Paul, said the main role of the county fire departments is to protect farm buildings or residences threatened by fire. While they will do whatever is necessary to keep fires from spreading into farmyards, the county is not equipped to fight large forest or grass fires.

"Basically, our departments are there to protect buildings," Bergheim said, adding that, where necessary, it will also bring in heavy equipment to build fire guards to keep fires from spreading.

Bergheim said it is extremely important that county residents know which department's area they fall under and have the emergency number posted by the telephone. It's also a good idea to keep clear directions to your farm posted as well. An exact land description is best. During an emergency, it can sometimes be difficult to give concise directions. Having them right in front of you helps.

Once the department responds, it is then up to the fire chief to make the decision as to whether he feels additional assistance from other departments and more equipment is required.

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Farm accidents down in 1992

Government credits mass media blitz for success

Rob Desjardins
Staff Writer

Alberta's farm fatality rate continued its downward trend last year, dipping by one from 1991.

Fourteen people lost their lives in farm accidents in 1992, compared to 15 in 1991.

The fatality rate is slightly higher than the decade low of 12 in 1988, but considerably better than the early 1980s, when rates were in the mid- to high-20s.

"It's a trend that, I think, will continue in coming years," said Jacqueline Galloway of Alberta Agriculture's farm safety branch.

"We feel the programs we've used have really been successful in combatting accidents."

Those programs have included educational programs in schools, collaboration with farm organizations – and a much harder concentration on the mass media.

"It's been our new focus in the past few years," she said. "The mass media allow for bigger promotion. We've devoted a lot more resources to that, and less to the smaller seminars we used to concentrate on."

Galloway is especially pleased that rates have stayed low in the past few years, which have been tough economically.

"Hard times bring increased stress. Farmers rush to meet deadlines, they push themselves to do extra work more quickly. Often they can't hire extra help, or they call in family members and don't take time to go over the safety rules. This increases the risk."

Even under this stress, she says, farmers seem to be paying close attention to farm safety rules. So do their children. One bright spot in the statistics is the dip in fatality rates for children -- from eight in 1991 to two last year.

Two statistics that continue to be high are the proportion of accidents related to farm machinery (11, or 78 per cent) and the amount that involve being run over or crushed (nine, or 64 per cent).

"These always have been the number one killers, in other provinces and countries as well," Galloway said. "We consistently include warnings about them in our farm safety messages, regardless of the season."

Other notable statistics from 1992 are as follows:

- Only one accident took place in Northeastern Alberta. In April, 1992, a St. Michael farmer was crushed by falling bales.
- Thirty-five per cent of the fatalities occurred in April and May when farmers were busy with spring work.
- Seven fatalities occured in farm fields, five in farmyards and two on roadways.
- Most victims were working with machinery or implements. Three were towing machinery, two were moving bales and one was doing repairs.

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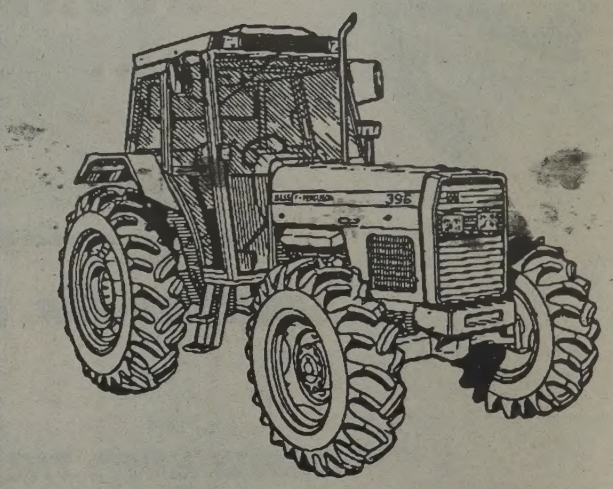

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In recent years, Alberta Power has placed a great deal of emphasis on public education in regards to electrical safety. One area that has received a great deal of attention is electrical safety on the farm.

Terry Poulin, Alberta Power's district supervisor in St. Paul, says it is essential farm families be aware of the hazards that can be created when people, for one reason or another, are careless around power.

"Some are lucky, some are not. There haven't been as many actual deaths (in recent years) but every year there are cases where people get burnt, lose equipment or lose bales."

According to Poulin, one of the worst problems is stacking round bales under power lines. There is a danger of touching the wire with the tractor. Also, if the power line falls on the bales, a farmer could lose his entire stack because of a resulting fire.

Moving grain bins from one location to another and coming in contact with power lines in the process used to be a major problem, Poulin said. It's less of a problem nowadays with smaller granaries being sold and farmers having more of them.

Alberta Power recommends the following procedures to protect against electrical hazards on the farm:

-- Always lower grain augers and cultivator wings before going under power lines. Avoid all power lines when raising, lowering or handling pipe, rods or other metal materials.

-- If you install a CB antenna on your tractor or combine, make sure the total height of the unit and antenna doesn't exceed 4.3 metres (13 ft.).

-- Make sure there is adequate clearance when moving any high load under power lines. Under no circumstances try to raise the lien yourself. Call Alberta Power Limited; its employees have the expertise and equipment to do the job safely.

-- Locate all farm buildings and bale stacks away from power lines. Barns should be a minimum of nine metres (30 ft.) from a power line. Houses should be no closer than 15 metres (50 ft.), bale stacks a minimum of nine metres (30 ft.) away.

-- Keep granaries at least nine metres (30 ft.) away from power lines. Point grain bin doors away from power lines to reduce the possibility of an auger contacting a line.

-- Locate propane and other fuel tanks a minimum of 7.6 metres (25 ft.) away from power lines.

-- Before excavating, using deep-tillage cultivators or driving rods or posts into the ground, call Alberta Power Limited for the location of underground lines.

-- Don't go near overhead lines or allow children to climb trees near power lines. If you have an animal on a power pole, phone Alberta Power.

-- When you use an extension cord with a power tool, make sure it has the same amperage range.

-- Turn off and unplug power tools or electric mowers when they're not being used, and before making repairs or adjustments. Be sure the start-up switch is off before plugging in power tools to avoid accidental start-ups.

-- Always plug outdoor tools into a ground fault circuit interrupter for extra protection from electric shock.

Freak accident

Rings and equipment deadly combination

Isabell Shoff
Staff Writer

Rings and farm machinery just don't mix.

Just ask Dennis Yaremchuk about his ring story from 17 years ago.

The Myrnam farmer survived a freak accident in 1976 when he hooked his wedding ring on the back of his truck box and lost not only the ring, but his left ring-finger as well.

"I pulled my finger right off," Yaremchuk said.

"It was impossible to reattach." - Lyn

Both Dennis and his wife, Lyn, still remember the day vividly as doctors tried to reattach the torn digit, but to no avail.

"It was torn at the second knuckle and the tendons were just hanging from his hand," Lyn recalled.

"It was impossible to reattach."

But the missing finger taught Yaremchuk a good point about farm safety which he's been passing on to other farmers in the area.

"I tell them not to wear them (rings)," Yaremchuk said.

"It's just simply foolish."

And, according to Yaremchuk, his wife has also learned the dangers of jewellery and always insists he remove his rings now.

"Everybody knows you're married," Yaremchuk said.

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